Financing of "GANDHI" film by N.F.D.C.

2662. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how much profit the N.F.D.C. got out of the movie "Gandhi" produced by Sir Richard Attenborough; how much amount was invested by N.F.D.C. in this film; when it was invested alongwith the amount realised, so far;

(b) whether there is any dispute in regard to sharing of the returns; if so, the details thereof; whether any amount was diverted for the welfare of the cine workers; if so, what are the details thereof; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any hurdle in the way of getting the share in profit as well as in investment; if so, what measures are proposed to be taken to overcome this problem?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) National Film Development Corporation has earned a profit of Rs. 2.56 crores so far on the film "GANDHI" after recoupment of its investment and interest thereon. The total investment on this film by NFDC was Rs. 6.36 crores which was made mostly in the financial year 1980-81. The total amount received by the Corporation so far is Rs. 13.54 crores by way of investment recoupment, interest on investment, share of profit and other receipts like agency commission.

(b) there it no dispute in regard to sharing of the returns among the various parties to the agreement. Schedule Four of the Co-production and Finance Agreement executed between INDO—BRITISH FILMS LIMITED|SIR RICHARD ATTENBOROUGH CBE|NATIONAL FILM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED|INTERNATIONAL FILM INVESTORS LP|GOLDCREST FILMS INTERNATIONAL on April 10, 1981 provides for 5 per cent of the net profits to be given to the Cine Artists Welfare Fund. The film reached overflow stage in the Years 1984 and 5 per cent share to be credited to the cine workers Welfare fund so far is Stg. Pounds 8.55 lakhs. This has not been forthcoming as Sir Rechard Attenborough has raised certain issues regarding the nomenclature of the fund as existing in India. The Trustees of the Fund are sorting out the issues.

(c) There is no hurdle in the way of getting the share in profit as well as in investment.

Announcement regarding working of 'INSAT 1C' on Doordarshan

2663. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Doordarshan News on 31st July, 1988, the ISRO Chairman announced that 'INSAT 1C' is working satisfactorily;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the INSAT IC was completely out of the purview of Indian Scientists on 29th July, 1988 which has been stated in the Enquiry Report on the failure of INSAT; and

(c) if so, what were the main reasons of announcing in Doordarshan about satisfactory working of INSAT 1C when actually it was not so?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) ISRO had issued a Press Release on 29th July, 1988 which stated that all the Transponders of INSAT-1C were functioning and that in about three weeks time the Satellite will be pressed into operational service. Based on this, a news item was included in the morning news bulletin of Doordarshan telecast at 7.50 A.M. on 31-7-88. On 31st July, 1988 afternoon ISRO issued another Press Release stating that the INSAT-1C had encountered a major power system anomaly and that the corrective measures would be attempted.